

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2016
MALIBU CITY HALL, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Carl Randall, Vice Chair Justine Petretti, Commissioner Steve Parks, Commissioner Laurie Principe, and Commissioner Roui Israel

STAFF PRESENT: Amy Crittenden, Recreation Manager; and Theresa Odello, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Petretti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Parks moved and Vice Chair Petretti seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recording Secretary Odello reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 11, 2016.

ITEM 1 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Joel Schulman deferred his time to Kian Schulman.

Kian Schulman expressed her concerns about toxic poisons being used in our parks and recreation areas, specifically the use of Roundup and Speed Zone. She requested that the Commission review and update the Integrated Pest Management Policy and asked the Commission to have the Parks Supervisor stop using them until further discussion and review.

Corinne Densun stated she is a Malibu mom who supports a Poison Free Malibu. She urged the Commission to make ethical decisions for the children of the future, and does not want the spraying of any pesticides in our community.

Wendy Dunn, Poison Free Malibu, stated that Speed Zone and Roundup are being sprayed in our parks and need to be discontinued. She stated Parks Supervisor Belter has been arguing

with the community about these two chemicals and his contract needs to be re-evaluated. She suggested prior to spraying, signs need to be posted that this chemical causes cancer.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Vice Chair Petretti moved and Commissioner Principe seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

A. Bluffs Parkland Project

Recommended action: 1) Review the three alternative park designs and the survey summary; and 2) provide consultants with direction on the final schematic park design.

Jeremy Franzini from Michael Baker International presented the survey summary and the three schematic design alternatives. He stated all eleven priorities identified in the survey and by City Council were included in each alternative. Mr. Franzini reviewed the comparison summary, the alternatives and the results on the online survey, which had 799 responses with 1,077 comments. Mr. Franzini reported that he hopes to get direction tonight as to which plan the Commission recommends and how to proceed with creating a master plan. He explained that the next steps would be to prepare the master plan from February to April, then present the master plan to the Parks & Recreation Commission in April, followed by presenting the plan to City Council for review and approval in May.

David Brotman, Planning Commissioner, complimented the Commission on the master plan process. Mr. Brotman stated that there is a restriction on the Crummer property's Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) that buildings are not able to be constructed on that site. He also believed that the location of a tot lot next to a soccer field does not make sense and might be better if it was closer to the pool. He also said that the skate park should be more integrated in the project, rather than a stand-alone location. Mr. Brotman liked the location of the amphitheater in Alternative C.

Robert Gold stated that he has been working for ten years to get more active recreation in Bluffs Park. He stated there are no land restrictions on the Crummer lot, but in the LCPA from the California Coastal Commission approval states that the community building is exempt from the approved site uses. Mr. Gold is concerned about noise and traffic if there is a 24,000-square foot community center in that area. He also brought up the issue that the Coastal Commission was strict about the 28-foot height requirement, which may be an issue on a community center.

Paul Grisanti stated that in Alternative A, he likes the locations of the dog park, skate area, and basketball courts. In Alternative B, he likes the locations of the baseball fields and aquatics area. He desires to keep the dog park on the west end and keep the community center away from the perimeter of the park.

Max Jaben, owner of Malibu Seawolves Swimming, stated he would like to support Alternative B with the swimming pool in that location. He supports less disturbance of the natural habitat. The pool in Alternative B offers the most parking, more amenities closer to the pool, and a short walk to the basketball courts. He would like to consider adding a snack bar by the pool.

Steve Hotchkiss spoke in favor of Alternative B because the pool has the best deck space for having events and it has plenty of parking. He stated the pool is one of the most expensive amenities in the plan, and if we make it right, it will generate revenue through swim meets to help offset the cost of the pool.

Stacey Rouse expressed his gratitude for the Commission working on this project. Business development is different from community development. Mr. Rouse supports Alternative B.

Jeff Speigel spoke about the importance of a skate park and the design of the skate park. He wanted to stress that the design of the park is imperative for skating and needs to be well put together.

Commissioner Israel asked Mr. Franzini to clarify the difference of the pools in each design. Mr. Franzini stated that each plan will go through a whole new design, and these plans are more of a space allocation rather than the actual design. He also emphasized that, based on feedback received during the community outreach process, the pool will be competition size.

Chair Randall stated that for the skate park, we would try to use Zach Wormhoudt as our skate park design consultant and recommended Mr. Speigel check out his work. He invited Mr. Speigel to be part of the Skate Park Ad Hoc Committee when it is time to begin the design process. Chair Randall asked Commissioner Parks to talk about how often the fields are being used. Commissioner Parks stated that Malibu Little League currently uses five fields for their programming, and the American Youth Soccer Organization does the same when they are in season. Both organizations are often short of available field space over the whole course of the year.

Vice Chair Petretti thanked the public for coming out to the meeting and stated that it is her goal on the Commission to put a skate park in Malibu. She prefers Alternative C but wants an outdoor basketball court. Another priority is to have more than two soccer fields, a swimming pool, and having a tot lot near the soccer fields. Her concerns are the location of the amphitheater and if it would bother neighbors down the road, and that this plan disturbs the most amount of habitat. Vice Chair Petretti would also like to see the Kiwanis continue to run the snack bar.

Commissioner Israel thanked everyone for coming and stated it is great to get feedback from the locals. She stated public feedback was a priority for this project. She stated that most of the Malibu community does not like any development, but this park is a priority and we need to promote healthy activities. She stated having ample parking is really important.

Commissioner Parks stated he likes Alternative C because it has the best use of the space for soccer, multi-purpose field, tot lot, baseball and softball fields, and the skate park. The skate park is the same size as the ones in the other alternatives and this one has high visibility. Commissioner Parks is concerned about the location restrictions of the community center, and asked Mr. Franzini if the outdoor basketball courts could be over the detention basins. Mr. Franzini replied that the plans shown are the most cost-effective, and those detention basins will be able to be redefined and redesigned to make it easier to place the courts there. Commissioner Parks prefers the outdoor basketball courts over the detention basin, likes the aquatics center, and hopes the community center issue can be fixed.

Commissioner Principe prefers Alternative B, wants to increase the skate park to half an acre, and thinks we do not need the dog park here because the City already has one. She would also prefer a separate tot lot for each age group and supports the additional concession stand at the pool. Safety is a concern on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), so Commissioner Principe appreciates the optional park entrance on Alternative B.

Chair Randall thanked those that attended the meeting and stated that after reading all of the comments made on the online survey, he had questions about that. He asked Mr. Franzini if on Alternative C there is a footpath that would connect all areas of the park along PCH, which was confirmed. He also asked if we could have parking along PCH, and Mr. Franzini replied that Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) is all the way along PCH to the property line, which we may be able to mitigate and adjust based on other areas. Chair Randall favors Alternative C due to the locations of the community center, pool, and fields. He likes the location of the amphitheater and understands that getting there might be difficult, but believes the acoustics in that location would be ideal.

Chair Randall facilitated a discussion on the park priorities, and how they are included in the park alternatives to obtain a consensus on what would be ideal.

- Walking and Hiking Trails: All commissioners liked what is offered. If there is a walkway along PCH, they would prefer a barrier between PCH and the walkway for safety.
- Bike Trails: Designated bike trails are not a priority for this park.
- Soccer/Baseball/Softball/Multi-Purpose Fields: Commissioners prefer the field layouts on Alternative C.
- Amenities: Commissioner Israel and Principe would prefer a tot lot by each of the three park areas.
- Preserving Existing Vegetation: The Commission decided they would preserve what they can and also provide mitigation in other areas of the park.
- Pool and Community Center: The Commissioners talked about moving the community center closer to the pool and moving the dog park to where the community center is in Alternative C, but was told that there is an earthquake fault line in that parking lot by the pool. The Commission talked about possibly moving the community center to the current parking lot and using that area for parking. Another option would be to move

the community center off the Crummer property across the street, and just have extra parking in the Crummer area. The consensus was to keep the community center where it is located on Alternative C if at all possible and, if not, move it across the street or to the pool parking lot.

- Skate Park: The Commission came to a consensus to keep the park where it is on Alternative C.
- Parking: The plan has good parking.
- Amphitheater: The consensus is to keep it where it is on Alternative C.
- Dog Park: The consensus is to keep it where it is on Alternative C.
- Basketball courts: The consensus is to add outdoor courts by the detention basin.
- Optional entrance by the middle section of the park: The Commission is in favor of the additional park entrance if it is feasible. There was one on the plan by John Tyler, but they decided that one would not be necessary.

Recreation Manager Crittenden confirmed the Commission's suggestions on changing Alternative C. They like the three soccer fields together, the baseball field on the central plateau, the location of the pool, location of the skate park, location of the amphitheater, and would prefer a tot lot in each of the three park areas. The Commission would prefer the community center where it is located in Alternative C and, if not, the next option would be to move it by the parking lot by the pool and move the dog park to the community center area. If that is not feasible, the last option is to place it where the Michael Landon Center is now. The dog park is in a good location but perhaps needs re-configuration to ensure room for the outdoor basketball court. The Commission is in favor of the optional park entrance in Alternative B, but not one by the west plateau.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 RECREATION MANAGER UPDATES

- Jake Kuredjian Award will be given to Joan House at the Council meeting on February 22.
- 25 Year City of Malibu Anniversary Celebration will be on March 28. The celebration will feature the grand opening of "The Art of the Board" surfboard installation, which will be on display for six months.

ITEM 6 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Parks stated that Malibu Little League will have their opening ceremony on February 27, 10:30 a.m. at Bluffs Park. He will not be able to attend Commission meetings on any month when the meeting time is at 5:30 p.m. Recreation Manager Crittenden stated that we could cancel the regularly scheduled meetings and offer Special Meetings on the same date, but at 6:30 p.m. for the next two meetings.
- Commissioner Israel reported that she would not be available for next month's meeting.

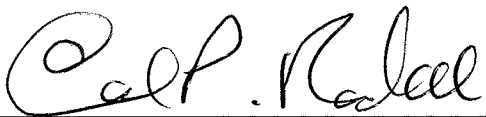
ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Malibu Bluffs Park Master Plan
- B. Outdoor Exercise Equipment
- C. Scheduled Use of Trancas Canyon Park Multi-Purpose Field
- D. Shade Covers for Baseball Facilities and Malibu Bluffs Park
- E. Review of Rules for Trancas Canyon Dog Park
- F. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Review in May. First have staff give a report on what is currently being done at one meeting, then at the next meeting review alternative options.
- G. IPM Alternatives in June

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 8:03 p.m., Commissioner Israel moved and Chair Randall seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved and adopted by the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on April 19, 2016.



CARL RANDALL, Chair

ATTEST:



THERESA ODELLO, Recording Secretary